DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-26-99

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION
AGENCIES
CDSS ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES

<u>REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL</u>
[] State Law Change
[] Federal Law or Regulation
Change

[] Court Order [] Clarification Requested by One or More Counties [X] Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-MEDIAN INCOME DATA

Reference: Title 22 California Code of Regulations Section 35333(a)(3)(B) 3.

Adoption agencies use the statewide median income, as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a guideline in negotiating the amount of Adoption Assistance Program benefits required to meet a child's needs for which other resources are unavailable. The HUD revises its determination of the median income annually.

The 1999 California median family income, as determined by HUD, is \$54,100. For equity, HUD adjusts median income for family size by subtracting ten percent for each person fewer than four and adding eight percent for each person greater than four. This adjustment is shown on the following table:

Family Size	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Median Income	\$43,280	\$48,690	\$54,100	\$58,428	\$62,756	\$67,084	\$71,412
% of Base	80	90	100	108	116	124	132

For families of more than eight members, eight percent of the median income amount (i.e., \$4,328) is added for each additional person.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Maria A. Barriga, Adoptions Policy Consultant, at (916) 323-0469, or by email at maria.barriga@dss.ca.gov.

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